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IMPORTANT SAFETY RETROFIT NOTICE

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 60

TO: ALL OWNERS OF J. H. FLETCHER & CO. MRS UNITS

FROM: RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
J. H. FLETCHER & CO.

DATE: APRIL 1996

SUBJ: RETROFIT PROGRAM FOR THE MOOG INC. RADIO CONTROL SENDING UNIT
MODEL SERIES 129-XXX, MSHA APPROVALS 9B-1660-0 AND 9B-166-1

J. H. Fletcher & Co. has been informed that MOOG Inc. is currently performing a retrofit on the above radio control sending units. To assist the vendor, J. H. Fletcher & Co. is notifying all customers who own a MOOG radio control sending unit to return the unit to J. H. Fletcher & Co. It will then be sent to MOOG Inc. to be retrofitted. To complete the retrofit process with minimal interruption, we are asking that customers plan to participate in the retrofit in one of two ways.

1. If you have spare radio control sending units, we are requesting that you send these units in to be retrofitted. J. H. Fletcher & Co. will send the units to MOOG Inc., and return them to you as soon as possible. The unit in use can then be processed without interruption of service.
2. If you do not have a spare radio control sending unit, you will need to contact our Risk Management Department; see enclosure. J. H. Fletcher & Co. will then provide a unit for your use during the retrofit process. Since MOOG Inc. has not provided temporary replacement units, these units will come from our stock, and the retrofit process will consequently be lengthened by limited availability.

A copy of MOOG Inc.'s correspondence to J. H. Fletcher & Co. is enclosed. Please note that if the equipment requires additional repairs there will be added cost. You will be contacted by MOOG Inc. for approval before any additional service is performed.

Please immediately complete and return the enclosed form, and your spare unit(s), if applicable. Temporary replacement units will be issued on a first come first served basis.

If you have any questions, please contact our Risk Management Department at 304/525-7811, extension 240.

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Sunday, January 28, 1996

J.H. Fletcher and Company
402 High Street
Huntington, WV 25702

Attention: Max Cassidy, Materials Manager
Subject: Retrofit Program for Radio Control Sending Unit
Reference: Model Series 129-XXX, MSHA Approvals 9B-166-0 and 9B-166-1

Dear Mr. Cassidy:

The findings of a recent investigation indicated that an intermittent short circuit of a wire to a switch terminal screw in a Moog Send Unit caused an unwanted output from the associated Moog Receiver Unit. This may have resulted in unexpected operation of a conveyor system on an underground continuous miner.

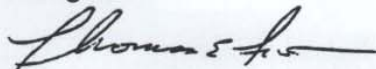
Moog and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) consider it prudent that similar Send Units be returned for a safety retrofit. Corrective action will include the use of non-conductive screws for selected switch terminals. Although Moog will continue this program indefinitely, units not retrofitted by October 1996 will no longer be considered permissible by MSHA.

The attached list indicates models purchased by your company. Please contact Mike Snyder at (716) 652-2000 for retrofit arrangements. Corrective action will be free of charge. Any other repairs (if required) will proceed only with your express approval.

We ask that you REMIND USERS OF STANDARD SAFETY PRECAUTIONS THAT SHOULD BE OBSERVED WITH RADIO CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT. Language similar to the following is suggested:

WARNING – DO NOT ENERGIZE THE RADIO CONTROL SENDING UNIT UNLESS ALL PERSONS ARE AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE MACHINE TO BE CONTROLLED. THE RADIO CONTROL SYSTEM IS TO BE OPERATED BY TRAINED PERSONNEL ONLY.

Sincerely,
Moog Inc.



Q.A. Manager

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cc: J. DeSensi, C. Miess, M. Morgante, M. Snyder, T. Toft, B. Zent